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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

July 2014 -	Assistant Professor of Economics, Creighton University
July 2013 - June 2014	Clinical Assistant Professor of Economics, Utah State University
August 2009 – June 2013	Adjunct Professor of Economics, Utah State University
December 2009 – June 2011	Researcher in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, Utah State University

OTHER POSITIONS

November 2013 – June 2015	Adjunct Program Officer, Institute for Humane Studies, Arlington, VA

EDUCATION

May 2009	Ph.D. Economics, George Mason University
May 2005	M.A. Economics, University of Missouri - St Louis
May 2001	B.S. in Business Administration, University of Alabama

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Sin Taxes and Sindustry: Revenue, Paternalism and Political Interest"(with William F. Shughart and Adam J. Hoffer), *The Independent Review,* 19(1), 47-64.

"Rational Irrationality and the Political Process of Repeal: The Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform and the 21st Amendment" (with Nick A. Snow and Diana W. Thomas), *Kyklos*, 66(1): 130-152.

"Entrepreneurship: Catallactic and Constitutional Perspectives" (with Diana W. Thomas), *The Review of Austrian Economics*, 27(1):11-22.

"Technological Change and the Lowest Common Denominator Problem: An Analysis of Oregon's VMT tax experiment" (with Kevin Heaslip), *Journal of Town and City Management*,

2(2) 2011:177-186.

"Encouraging a Productive Research Agenda: Peter Boettke and the Devil's Test" (with Diana W. Thomas), *Journal of Private Enterprise*, 26(1)2010:103-115.

POLICY PAPERS

"Regressive Effects: Causes and Consequences of Selective Consumption Taxation" (with Adam Hoffer, Rejeana Gvillo, and Willam F. Shughart), *Mercatus Working paper*, *Forthcoming*

"Effects of Natural Gas Vehicles and Fuel Prices on Key Transportation Economic Metrics" (with Kevin Heaslip, Ryan Bosworth, Ryan Barnes, Ali Soltani Sobh, and Ziqi Song), WSDOT Research Report, Washington State Department of Transportation, June 2014.

"Sin Taxes: Size, Growth, and Creation of the Sindustry" (with William F. Shughart and Adam J. Hoffer), *Mercatus Working Paper* No. 13-04, February 2013.

"Expanding Housing Choices" (with Wendel Cox) in Roger Koppl (ed.) *Enterprise Programs: Freeing Entrepreneurs to Provide Essential Services for the Poor,*National Center for Policy Analysis. Winner of the 2012 Templeton Freedom Award in the Category Free Market Solutions to Poverty.

GRANTS AWARDED

Washington State Department of Transportation, Research Grant, $100,000 (with Kevin Heaslip and Ryan Bosworth).

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW
(student co-authors are listed in bold)

"Exploring the 1991 Federal Alcohol Tax Increase: A Response to Cook and Durrance (2013)" (with William F. Shughart and Adam J. Hoffer), under review

"Policy Approaches to Support Alternative Energy Research and Development in Transportation" (with Kevin Heaslip and Kevin C. Womack), revise and resubmit.

WORKING PAPERS & WORK IN PROGRESS
(student co-authors are listed in bold)

"Teaching Economics in a Business School," "Smith's Extended Order: Aristotelian Market Morality" (with Richard Sherlock), "Hume and Smith: De-homogenized," "Economics in the age of Leviathan: Mandeville's Economic Agency,""Efficient Regulation? - The Case of the Market for Blood" (with Diana W. Thomas), "Bentham's Hero,"

PAPER PRESENTATIONS
(student co-authors are listed in bold)

"Critiques of Behavioral Economics" Southern Economic Association, Atlanta, GA November 2014

Sin Taxes and Sindustry: Revenue, Paternalism and Political Interest (William F. Shughart, II and Adam J. Hoffer), Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Seminar, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, November 2013

"Efficient Regulation? The Case of the Market for Blood" (with Diana W. Thomas) Association of Private Enterprise Education, Maui, HI April 2013

"Sin Taxes: The Size, Creation, and Growth of Sindustries" (with William F. Shughart, II and Adam J. Hoffer) Association of Private Enterprise Education, Maui, HI April 2013

"The Future of the Higher Education Bundle: a Public Choice Perspective" Public Choice Society Meetings, New Orleans, LA March 2013

"Panel Discussion of The Clash of Economic Ideas by Lawrence H. White and Madmen, Intellectuals, and Academic Scribblers by Wayne A. Leighton and Edward J. Lopez" Public Choice Society Meetings, New Orleans, LA March 2013

"Efficient Regulation? The Case of the Market for Blood" (with Diana W. Thomas) Public Choice Society Meetings, New Orleans, LA March 2013

"Teaching Economics in a Business School" (with **Chelsey Funk**) Southern Economic Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA, November 2012.

"The Knowledge Problem applied to VMT" Southern Economic Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA, November 2012.

"Hume and Smith De-Homogenized" Summer Institute for the Preservation of Economic History, Richmond, VA, July 2012.

"Mandeville: Idealism and Realism" Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 2012.

"Asymmetric Information" Southern Economic Association Meeting, Washington, DC, November 2011.

"Bentham Misread" Summer Institute for the Preservation of Economic History, Richmond, VA, July 2012.

"Bootleggers, Repugnant Baptists, and Rational Baptists" (with **Nick A. Snow** and Diana W. Thomas), Association of Private Enterprise Education, Nassau Bahamas, April 2011.

"The Importance of Road Pricing to the Future of Roadway Infrastructure" (with **Brandon Brady** and Kevin Heaslip), Association of Private Enterprise Education, Nassau Bahamas, April 2011.

"Assume Markets," Southern Economic Association, San Antonio, TX, November 2009.

"Smith in the Context of Order," Summer Institute for the Preservation of Economic History, Richmond, VA, July 2009.

"Repugnance in the History of Economic Thought," Southern Economic Association Meeting, Washington, DC, November 2008.

"The Political Economy of Repugnance," [Dissertation Papers] IHS Social Change Workshop, Providence, RD, July 2008. [and] Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, NV, April 2008. [and] Public Choice Society Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, March 2008.

"Exchange as Evolution," Austrian Student Scholars Conference, Grove City, PA, 2007.

"A Welfare Economics Approach to Constitutions," Social Change Workshop, Charlottesville, VA, 2007.

OTHER PULICATIONS

"Building Community in Ferguson," Opinion Editorial, St. Louis Post-Dispatch. August 22nd, 2014

"Big Brother Declares War on Consumption," With William F. Shughart and Adam J. Hoffer, Opinion Editorial, *USA Today*, August 4th 2013

"'Sin Tax' Cost Outweighs Benefits," With William F. Shughart and Adam J. Hoffer, Opinion Editorial, *US NEWS and World Report*, February 5th 2013

"Give the dollar some competition," Opinion Editorial, *Deseret News*, January 21st 2011.

REFEREE

The Review of Austrian Economics, Advances in Austrian Economics, Sage Publications

Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy,

FELLOWSHIPS AND ACADEMIC HONORS

2012 - 2014	Fellow, Institute of Political Economy, Utah State University
Summer 2012	Jack Miller Center Fellow
2008-2009	Final Year Fellow, History of Political Economy Center, Duke University
2008 –2009	Mercatus Center Dissertation Fellow
2007-2008	Lynn and Harry Bradley Fellow, George Mason University
2006-2007	William A. Dunn Fellow, George Mason University

2005-2006 Lynn and Harry Bradley Fellow, George Mason University

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Speaker, Hayek's Ancient Distinction," Friends University, Wichita, KS, October, 2014

Speaker, Independent Institute Summer Seminars, University of Denver, Denver, CO, June 2014

Discussion Leader, "Advanced Topics: Spontaneous Order," Institute for Humane Studies, Arlington, VA, November 2013

Speaker, "Hayek and Emergent Order," Students for Liberty University of Washington, Seattle, WA November, 2013

Webinar Lecture, "David Ricardo and Trade," Foundation of Economic Education, October, 2013

Public Talk, "Paternalism: An Ancient Idea gets a Modern Twist," St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY October 2013

Public Talk, "Economics and Theology: Unity or Division," Cardinal Newman Lecture, Utah State University, October 2013

Speaker, "The Foundations of Liberty and Society," Liberty Fund, Inc. and Charles Koch Foundation sponsored weekend seminar, Logan, UT, July 2013

Speaker, Liberty and Society, Institute for Humane Studies, week-long student seminar Bryn Mawr, PA. June, 2013

National Television Interview "Puritanical Government" Stossel Show with Jon Stossel, Fox Business Network and Fox News, June 20, 2013

Speaker, "Hayek and Emergent Order," Students for Liberty Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ, October, 2012

Speaker, "The Foundations of Liberty and Society," Liberty Fund, Inc. and Charles Koch Foundation sponsored weekend seminar, Logan, UT, July 2012

COURSES TAUGHT*

Money and Financial Markets, ECO 315, Creighton University, Fall 2014

Introductory Microeconomics, ECO 203, Creighton University, Fall 2014

Introduction to Economic Institutions, History, and Principles (BAI) (ECN 1500), Utah State University, Fall 2013, two sections.

Money and Banking (ECN 5200), Utah State University, Summer 2013.

Social Systems and Issues (BSS) (HNR 1340), Utah State University, Fall 2013

History of Economic Thought (ECN 5100), Utah State University, Spring 2013.

Special Topics (DSS): The Economics of Humanity (HNR 3030), Utah State University, Spring 2013.

Global Economic Environment (ECN 3400), Utah State University, Spring 2013.

Money and Banking (ECN 5200), Utah State University, Fall 2012.

Global Economic Environment (ECN 3400), Utah State University, Fall 2012, two sections.

Social Systems and Issues (BSS) (HNR 1340), Utah State University, Fall 2012.

Money and Banking (ECN 5200), Utah State University, Summer 2012.

History of Economic Thought (ECN 5100), Utah State University, Spring 2012.

Introduction to Microeconomics (ECN 2010), Utah State University – China Program, Spring 2012.

Global Economic Environment (ECN 3400), Utah State University, Spring 2012, two sections.

Special Topics (DSS): The Economics of Humanity (HNR 3030), Utah State University, Spring 2012.

Money and Banking (ECN 5200), Utah State University, Fall 2011.

Intermediate Macroeconomics (ECN 4010), Utah State University – China Program, Fall 2011.

Introduction to Microeconomics (ECN 2010), Utah State University, Fall 2011.

Social Systems and Issues (BSS) (HNR 1340), Utah State University, Fall 2011.

US Institutions (BAI) (HNR 1300), Utah State University, Fall 2011.

Global Economic Environment (ECN 3400), Utah State University, Summer 2011.

Global Economic Environment (ECN 3400), Utah State University, Spring 2011.

History of Economic Thought (ECN 5100), Utah State University, Spring 2011.

Social Systems and Issues (BSS) (HNR 1340), Utah State University, Fall 2010.

Money and Banking (ECN 5200), Utah State University, Fall 2010.

Introduction to Microeconomics (ECN 2010), Utah State University, Spring 2010.

Introduction to Economic Institutions, History, and Principles (BAI) (ECN 1500), Utah State University, Fall 2009.

**BSS = Breath Social Science; DSS = Depth Social Science*